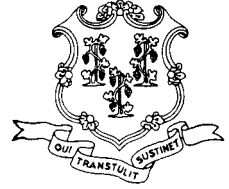




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Connecticut State Police
Computer Crimes and Electronic Evidence Unit
Arrest Man for Internet Based Larceny

The Connecticut State Police On February 6, 2004, Erik Layton (38 years old) was arrested and charged with Larceny. Layton's arrest is the result of a joint investigation between the Connecticut State Police Computer Crime and Electronic Evidence Unit and the Rocky Hill Police Department. The investigation involves fraud committed over the Internet and Ebay.

The investigation began in May 2003 when a resident of Findlay, Ohio reported being the victim of fraud. The complainant reportedly purchased a computer that was advertised on EBAY, but upon paying more than \$2000.00 for the computer, the seller, Layton, didn't send the computer. After several unsuccessful attempts to obtain the computer or a refund, the complainant reported the incident to the police.

The investigation was assisted by cooperative efforts of Ebay.

Layton was released on a \$2500.00 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Connecticut Superior Court, GA 15, in New Britain on February 20, 2004.

Layton, Erik (38 years old)
3 Gilbert Avenue
Rocky Hill, CT

Charges

Larceny Third Degree, 53a-124

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